**Sick SSIs**

† 1785. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister Of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small scale units functioning as on date alongwith the capital investment made in these units;

(b) the number of sick units alongwith the capital investment made in such units; and

(c) the average annual loss incurred by small scale sector during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES {SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The total number of Small Scale units, both registered and unregistered, in the country at the end of March, 2002 is estimated at 34.42 lakhs with fixed Investment of Rs. 84329 crore.

(b) According to the Reserve Bank of India (Rt'l) which compiles data on sick SSIs financed by scheduled commercial banks, the number of sick SSI units by the end of March, 2001 (latest available) was 249630 and amount outstanding with these units was Rs. 4505.54 crore.

(c) The data on the average annual loss incurred by Small Scale Sector is not maintained Centrally.

**MPLADS fund**

1786. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made to double the allocation (Rs. 2 crore) to Members of Parliament for Local Area Development Schemes; and

(b) if so, Government's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) it has not been possible to accede to the demand due to resource constraints.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.